

Embroidered Taffeta Gown for Young Girl



THE slim, unformed figures of young girls are much helped out by ruffles and skirt draperies, which are already established in spring styles. A kind dispensation of Fashion (for the too-slender maid) decrees taffeta and ruffles; both lend themselves perfectly to figure building. Meantime, those who have all the figure they want, and perhaps a little more, are managing to wear flounces and drapery by choosing clinging fabrics and using shaped ruffles instead of gathered ones.

In either case a lot of clever management is evident. The object in view is the achievement of graceful lines, and its attainment for a slender figure, is shown in the gown pictured here—a design by Doeillet.

It will be seen that the figure is built out about the hips, but that its lines are not lost sight of. The skirt is narrowed just above the knees and hangs straight from this point to the instep. There is a wonderfully easy and pretty effect of drapery at the waist line with a narrow velvet girde below it. The discernment of the artist in placing the velvet ribbon belt below the normal waist line is one of those evidences of cleverness by which the French have won their pre-eminence in designing.

The model is in fact simple enough. Except for two narrow ruffles of the silk embroidered in a delicate flower pattern, and small bows of black velvet with pearl buckles, there are no purely decorative features.

There is a flounce of taffeta, only moderately full, extending from the waist line to the thigh and terminating in a scant ruffle of the embroidery.

Below the embroidered flounce is a full ruffle of the plain taffeta. It gives the effect of a short overskirt. The silk below it is laid in plaits about four inches deep. At their termination a second scant ruffle of the embroidery is sewed on. Below it the silk falls free and is finished with a three-inch hem.

The bodice has a plain back and kimono sleeves. It opens surplice fashion in the front, with the front pieces pulled in along the under arm seams. This allows them to fall easily about the waist and over the belt. The opening at the neck is finished with the embroidery put on almost plain. There is very little fullness in the flounce of embroidery which finishes the short sleeves.

There are several fabrics besides taffeta in which this model may be effectively made up. The light, bordered, wool challies are perfect for it. Figured cotton crepes and the light weight poplins, as well as silk materials, adapt themselves to draperies and flounces. In making a choice it is to be remembered that the "body" or stiffness of taffeta, and its high luster, are not desirable for full figures.

This is only one of many designs in which the skirt appears to be made up of flounces.

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Voile Blouses for Daily Wear



WE SEEM to have got away forever from the stiff and starched shirt-waist and to have adopted the soft and comfortable blouse, without any sacrifice of neatness. There are plain waists of trim wash silks and others of batiste and voile. The good, attractive, all-round waists of voile, like those shown in the picture, combine so many satisfactory features for daily wear that they are most popular of all.

One of the best new models is pictured here, with round neck and long sleeves. It is cut with drop shoulder, and the seams are hemstitched. Small tucks decorate the body and sleeves. The neck is finished with a narrow turnback collar edged with a net flounce. A little hand embroidery touches up the collar and its net edging. There is a net flounce at the wrists. The lower sleeve is set on to the upper sleeve a few inches above the elbow.

The second waist is a high-necked model embellished with tucks and small pieces of Irish lace insertion let into the voile. The collar and sleeves are finished with tucks and insertion and are bordered with a lace edging to match the insertion. Hand-crochet or cluny lace is most

desirable, a good match for the voile in wear-resisting qualities.

The sleeves are three-quarter length and all seams hemstitched. It is better to make the collars detachable, as they soil more quickly than the body of the waist.

In selecting the voile, choose a sheer variety made of very hard twisted threads. It will thicken a little with washing, and it is a good idea to rinse it out and iron it before making it up.

The front panel in this waist is decorated with small sprays of embroidery. It is one of the few models that open in the back.

For the business woman and for home wear these waists provide one with cool, comfortable garments having the charm of crisp neatness added to their other attractions, without any hard, starched surfaces to suggest discomfort and become mussed. A very little starch or none at all is used when they are laundered. The expense of the materials is next to nothing, the handwork places them in the elegant class, and their durability pays for it. They are an evolution in waists, the outcome of long experience with the requirements of American woman. JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

WANTS CUT IN FINE

Central Coal and Coke Company Seeks Lumber Decree Modification.

PETITIONS SUPREME COURT

Kansas City Concern Promises to Be Good—Eight Hundred Men On Payrolls.

The Central Coal and Coke Company of Kansas City has filed an application with the supreme court asking for a reduction of the fine of \$50,000 imposed upon it by the court December 24, 1913, and that the writ of ouster be withheld so long as it obeyed the laws of Missouri.

This company, with some twenty others, was fined in the lumber trust prosecutions. The company says its annual output of coal is about \$800,000 a year and its annual sales of lumber does not exceed \$150,000, on which it does not make exceeding \$12,000. Its operating expenses are 3/4 million dollars a year, and it has eight hundred men on its payrolls.

The company contends that it has not, since the decree of the court, violated any of the laws of the state and that it has notified the Yellow Pine Association of its desire and intention to withdraw its membership therefrom.

The C. J. Carter Lumber Company of Kansas City filed an affidavit stating that it has severed its connection with the Yellow Pine Association. This company had previously asked for a modification of judgment.

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS ABLAZE

Warrensburg Has Peculiar Experience With Light Wires During Recent Thunder Storm.

A peculiar phenomena occurred in Warrensburg early the other morning, creating consternation among residents. Just after midnight a watchman saw fire blazing against the metal ceiling of a store and molten metal dropping on the fabrics below. He turned in an alarm. The firemen extinguished the blaze and cut the electric light connections, which seemed to be the cause. Before they had finished, alarms were turned in from several other business houses, where the electric connections were blazing like a torch and melting the metal ceilings. Almost immediately the wire connections on electric light poles for a block in each direction blazed up.

The firemen ordered the electric light plant to shut down, leaving the city in darkness. An electrical storm was in progress at the time.

Hirth Appoints Teacher.—Prof. J. H. Scarborough, president of the Warrensburg Commercial club and a member of the faculty of the Warrensburg normal, has received notice from President Hirth of Columbia, of his appointment as a member of the executive committee of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs.

Jury Frees Youth.—John Hedgpeth, 18 years old, who was placed in jail after killing his cousin, Lester Haynes while toying with a revolver, was exonerated by the coroner's jury, which returned a verdict of accidental death.

Prison for Bandits.—John Sells and Frank Wilson, who a few weeks ago terrorized a fashionable residence district of Springfield by nightly hold-ups, were sentenced to serve ten years each in the penitentiary.

Dies From Shock.—With her clothing aflame from head to foot as the result of an explosion, Miss Frances McCabe, 18 years old, ran to the bank of a stream near Springfield and plunged into the icy water and saved herself from incineration. She succeeded in extinguishing the flames, and was able to return to her home unaided. A few hours later she died from the effects of the chill and shock of the plunge.

Furniture Man Dies.—Robert F. Norfolk, 70 years old, who had been engaged in the furniture business at Lexington for fifty years is dead. He was born near Lexington with his parents in his infancy. He was one of the oldest members of the Masonic lodge of Lexington.

Fig Fire in Beaver.—Fire in the business section of Beaver destroyed the Rowland Block, causing a big property loss. Dr. W. P. Rowland's office and Summer's studio occupied the building.

Find Money in Can.—Commissioners who made an inventory of the personal effects of the late L. W. Heier, a prosperous farmer of Portland, found \$730, mostly gold, secreted in a baking powder can in his home. Members of the family knew nothing of the hidden money and are unable to explain it.

Aged Woman Dies.—Mrs. William Brown, 90 years old, mother-in-law of Mayor W. D. Black of Carthage, died of infarct received in a fall a week ago.

CAN FIND NO ONE TO BLAME

Coroner's Jury Unable to Place Responsibility for St. Louis Athletic Club Horror.

The coroner's jury that investigated the death of thirty persons in the Missouri Athletic Club fire two weeks ago could not fix the blame for the disaster, and so reported. The responsibility cannot be fixed, the jury reported, because the city ordinances do not provide for the regulation of buildings used for club purposes. The jury recommended that satisfactory building laws be passed.

Whether the fire started from a cigarette thrown among the draperies of the dining room, or from defective electric wiring, the jury could not determine. The jury reported that the following conditions prevailed at the building.

The fire escapes were inadequate. Wooden doors led to the enclosed fire escape from various floors.

Doors at the entrances of elevator had been removed, reducing the efficiency of the elevators in case of fire.

The wood stairway in the building was of wood.

The building was of improper construction for sleeping purposes.

JOPLIN NAMES CANDIDATES

J. F. Osborn and Hugh McIndoe Are the First Candidates for Mayor Under New Rule.

Joplin has nominated candidates for offices under the commission form of government, conducting the first similar primary ever held in Missouri. There were sixty-nine candidates in the race for six offices. Twelve were named to enter the campaign before the election April 7. The total vote was approximately 5,000. The new charter adopted by Joplin last October to adopt commission government prevented the counting of ballots until the polls closed and it was mid night before the result of the primary was known.

The candidates were successful in the primary, two being chosen for each of the six offices: Mayor, J. F. Osborn, present incumbent, and Hugh McIndoe, former state senator; commissioner of revenue, C. A. Robinson and C. W. Lyon; commissioner of health and sanitation, D. R. Hill and R. B. Tyler; commissioner of public property and public utilities, C. A. Patterson and Henry Phelps; streets and public improvements, J. B. Hodgson and Charles Schilling; municipal judge, W. E. Spiva and Bert Wagner.

Honor Grave Digger.—Every man in McFall was asked to assist in digging the grave of John Burton, 80 years old, who died at his home there. Burton, who had been a resident of McFall for many years, had dug, or assisted in digging, every grave in the city cemetery. He never charged for his work, nor would he accept money for his services when it was offered. The men turned out in a body, and complied with the unusual request.

Sons Act as Pallbearers.—At the funeral of Mrs. Emma Ballard, 74 years old, who died at her home near Elm, Johnson county, her six sons acted as pallbearers.

Insurance Agent Held.—C. A. Jitson, a St. Joseph insurance agent, was arrested at Fairfax recently on a charge of bigamy. His first wife and three children live in Kansas City, Kan.

Editor's Father Dies.—George Kendle, 75 years old, father of A. T. Kendle, editor of the Wright City News, died at his home in Montgomery after a lingering illness.

Royal Neighbors Elect.—The seventh triennial Missouri State Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, after a two days' session in Sedalia, adjourned to meet in Chillicothe in 1917. The following officers to serve for three years were elected: Mrs. Ella Curry, Chillicothe, state oracle; Mrs. Hettie Harris, Moberly, state vice oracle, and Mrs. Allie Poundstone, Joplin, recorder. Mrs. Anna M. Sheppard of Jefferson City was endorsed for the supreme board of managers and Mrs. Rachel Aiken of Kansas City was elected one of the delegates to the supreme camp at Rock Island, Ill., May 18.

M. U. Students Celebrate.—James Gallagher, Tiger football star and a senior in engineering, took the part of St. Patrick in the annual celebration of St. Patrick's day by students in the engineering department of Missouri university. The tradition is that St. Patrick was the first engineer and he comes each year to confer the order of Knights of St. Patrick on all seniors in engineering. Two members of the faculty, Professor M. P. Wienboch and Professor H. C. Rentschler were made honorary knights.

Holden Doctor Dies.—Dr. Leander F. Murray of Holden is dead after a long illness. He was born sixty-seven years ago in Morgan county, Mo. He had been a practicing physician at Holden forty years. He was a member of the Nevada state hospital board appointed by Governor Folk.

Harvard President to M. U.—Abbott Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, will deliver the commencement address at the University of Missouri this year. Commencement day is Thursday, June 4.

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